

ROOSEVELT WON'T CALL ON THE POPE

Conditions Imposed by the Vatican Are Such That He Cannot Accept Them.

INCIDENT MERELY PERSONAL

Declares That He Acted in the Only Way Possible for an American.

Rome, April 3.—The audience which it was believed ex-President Roosevelt would have with the pope on Tuesday next, will not take place, owing to conditions which the vatican has imposed and which Mr. Roosevelt refused to accept.

Although the definite negotiations relative to the audience ended before Mr. Roosevelt left Egypt, the announcement was withheld until after Mr. Roosevelt reached Rome tonight at the solicitation of his American Catholic friends here, who believed in the meantime the vatican might change its attitude. One of the former president's American friends, who had been with him in Egypt, came to Rome yesterday without authorization from Mr. Roosevelt and interceded with Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary, in an endeavor to avoid a situation which, as it now stands, has caused a real sensation in Rome, although it was not entirely unexpected. But his efforts were unavailing.

While at Gondokoro in February last, Mr. Roosevelt wrote to Ambassador Leshman saying he would be glad of the honor of an audience with King Victor Emmanuel and the pope. The audience with the king was promptly arranged. Before an arrangement could be reached relative to an audience with the pope, several telegrams were passed, and the negotiations were ended by Mr. Roosevelt's refusing in any way to be limited as to his conduct and announcing that an audience with the pope under the circumstances was now impossible.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Roosevelt, while declining to accept any conditions in connection with his audience with the pope, had neither directly nor indirectly before, during or after the negotiations made or considered any engagements in Rome except those of an official character, and he actually entered Rome tonight with but two definite engagements, the audience with the king and the dinner to be given in his honor by the municipality.

HISTORY OF NEGOTIATIONS.

The history of the negotiations is about as follows: While at Cairo Mr. Roosevelt received the following telegram from Ambassador Leshman, dated March 23:

"Mr. Kennedy, sector of the American Catholic college, in reply to an inquiry which I asked to be made, requests the following communication be transmitted to you: 'The holy father will be delighted to grant an audience to Mr. Roosevelt on April 5, and hopes that nothing will arise to prevent it, such as the much regretted incident which made the reception of Mr. Fairbanks impossible.'"

Replying by cable to Ambassador Leshman, on March 25, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"Please present the following to Mr. Kennedy: 'It would be a real pleasure to me to be presented to the holy father, for whom I entertain high respect, both personally and as the head of a great church. I fully recognize his entire right to receive or not receive whomever he chooses, for any reason that seems good to him, and if he does not receive I shall not for a moment question the propriety of his action. On the other hand, I, in my turn, decline to make any stipulations or to submit to any conditions which in any way would limit my freedom of conduct. I trust on April 5 he will find it convenient to receive me.'"

On March 28, Mr. Roosevelt, at Cairo, received a cablegram from Ambassador Leshman giving the message from

Mgr. Kennedy, which concluded by saying:

"The audience cannot take place except on the understanding expressed in the former message."

The following day Mr. Roosevelt sent another message to the American ambassador, saying:

"The proposed presentation is of course now impossible."

Mr. Roosevelt particularly desired the incident shall be regarded by his friends, both Catholic and Protestant, in America, as personal and that it shall not give rise to an acrimonious controversy.

ROOSEVELT'S STATEMENT.

With this end in view, he cabled to-day the following statement to the Rev. Lyman Abbott, editor of The Outlook, at New York:

"Through the Outlook, I wish to make a statement to my fellow Americans regarding what has occurred in connection with the vatican. I am sure that the great majority of my fellow citizens, Catholics, quite as much as Protestants, will feel that I acted in the only way possible for an American to act, and because of this very fact I most earnestly hope that the incident will be treated in a matter of course way as merely personal, and above all, as not warranting the slightest exhibition of rancor or bitterness."

"Among my best and closest friends are many Catholics. The respect and regard of those of my fellow Americans who are Catholics are as dear to me as the respect and regard of those who are Protestants. On my journey through Africa I visited many Catholic as well as many Protestant missions. As I look forward to telling the people at home all that has been done by Protestants and Catholics alike as I saw it, in the field of missionary endeavor, it would cause me a real pang to have anything said or done that would hurt or give pain to my friends, whatever their religious belief. But any merely personal considerations are of no consequence in this matter. The important consideration is the avoidance of harsh and bitter comment such as may excite mistrust and anger between and among good men."

"The more an American sees of other countries the more profound must be his feelings of gratitude that in his own land there is not merely complete toleration but the heartiest good will and sympathy between sincere and honest men of different faiths—good will and sympathy so complete that in the innumerable daily relations of our American life Catholics and Protestants meet together and work together without thought of the difference of creed being even present in their minds. 'This is a condition so vital to our national well-being that nothing should be permitted to jeopardize it. Bitter comment and criticism, acrimonious attack and defense, are not only profitless, but harmful, and to seize upon such an incident as this as an occasion for controversy would be wholly indefensible and should be frowned upon by Catholics and Protestants alike, and all good Americans.'"

"The failure to arrange an audience between ex-President Roosevelt and the pope which was known only in certain circles today is expected to create a tremendous stir here as well as abroad, far overshadowing the importance of the incident in which former Vice President Fairbanks was the principal."

Although the negotiations were technically between Ambassador Leshman and Monsignor Kennedy it is well understood in Rome that Monsignor Kennedy was acting under the instructions of Cardinal Merry del Val. The telegrams, therefore, were in reality between Col. Roosevelt and the papal secretary.

SURPRISE AT VATICAN.

When the correspondent called at the vatican this evening general surprise was expressed when it was learned Mr. Roosevelt had given out the text of the messages exchanged between Monsignor Kennedy and the American ambassador, as they were regarded by the vatican in the light of diplomatic documents.

Monsignor Kennedy explained that on March 21, John W. Garrett, first secretary of the embassy, called upon him to "transmit" Mr. Roosevelt's request for an audience with the pontiff on April 5. He said that Mr. Garrett insisted upon the word "transmit." Monsignor Kennedy immediately would present the request to the proper vatican authorities and promised a response as soon as possible.

"The following day," said Monsignor Kennedy, "I was authorized to send Mr. Roosevelt the first message which is quoted in his statement. The reference to the Fairbanks incident was intended by the vatican only as a friendly intimation. I notice my sec-



ABBAS HILMI,
Khedive of Egypt.

ond message is not fully given. It ran thus:

"His holiness will be much pleased to grant an audience to Mr. Roosevelt, for whom he entertains great esteem, both personally and as president of the United States. His holiness quite recognizes Mr. Roosevelt's entire right as to freedom of conduct. On the other hand, in view of the circumstances for which neither his holiness nor Mr. Roosevelt is responsible, an audience could not occur except upon the understanding expressed in the former message."

"After this no further communication reached me from Mr. Roosevelt."

It further appears it was John Colan O'Loughlin who was assistant secretary of state in 1909 and a great personal friend of Mr. Roosevelt's, who yesterday attempted to intercede with Cardinal Merry del Val. The following semi-official version of what transpired at the interview has been furnished to the Associated Press by a vatican authority.

MERRY DEL VAL DEMANDS.

Cardinal Merry del Val said to Mr. O'Loughlin: "You guarantee that Mr. Roosevelt will not visit the Methodists here?"

Mr. O'Loughlin replied: "I cannot, indeed, I believe Mr. Roosevelt is just the man to go there. He will do as he pleases."

"It is indefensible," said the papal secretary, "for any person to be asked to be received by a great personage whose feelings he would be unwilling to respect."

In the course of further conversation, the cardinal declared no court in Europe granted unrestricted audiences. "Mr. Roosevelt," said the cardinal, "when he was president, declined to receive persons unconditionally at the White House."

Without giving the name of the person, the cardinal recalled a case where President Roosevelt, having been erroneously informed that a certain person was visiting him by the authority of the vatican, immediately sent a message to the apostolic delegate at Washington to inform the delegate he could not receive this personage, but he meant no discourtesy to the pope by his refusal. The pontiff, when informed of this, replied:

"I esteem President Roosevelt more than ever."

Returning to the present incident, Cardinal Merry del Val remarked: "It is not in any sense a question of religion. Mr. Roosevelt might have gone to an Episcopalian, a Presbyterian or any other church except the Methodist and delivered an address there. The pope would have been received by the pope even on the same day. But he could not be received when it was suspected that after the audience he intended to go to the Methodist church in Rome, which is carrying on a most offensive

campaign of calumny and detraction against the pontiff."

The papal secretary even recognized Mr. Roosevelt's right to claim the privilege of visiting the Methodists the day after the audience, on condition that he, Merry del Val, receive private assurances that he would not actually do so.

The vatican emphasizes the statement it did not receive from the American embassy any notification of Mr. Roosevelt's final message that an audience had become impossible.

After being apprised of the contents of the vatican's statement, it was explained on Mr. Roosevelt's behalf that his final message had not been communicated to the vatican because Monsignor Kennedy's second telegram was all of the matter so far as he was concerned, but he wished to keep the door open, not for his own sake, but for the sake of the Catholic church in America.

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